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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the expert group on land administration and management, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and express its views on the way forward for the application of geospatial information to land administration and management.

Summary of the report

At its sixth session, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2016, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 6/108, in which it agreed that a major function of the expert group was to address sustainable governance, data management and the adoption of institutional frameworks and technology in relation to land administration and management systems, as well as their linkages to the relevant aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Committee of Experts encouraged the expert group to address the issue of fit-for-purpose land and geospatial information required to support effective and efficient land administration and management in order to address the need to secure land and property rights for all. In endorsing the terms of reference of the expert group, the Committee of Experts encouraged it to engage and consult broadly when finalizing its work programme and requested that the expert group report on its progress to the Committee of Experts at its next session.

In its report, the expert group provides information on the considerations and outcomes of its meeting convened in Delft, the Netherlands, on 14 and 15 March 2017, in which it recognized the need to improve political awareness among and

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guidance to Member States. The expert group also presents its work programme for the 2017-2018 biennium for endorsement by the Committee of Experts. The expert group indicates in its report that the work programme is focused on developing a global framework for land administration that captures key elements or principles essential for establishing a universal, efficient, effective and sustainable land administration system that will provide security of tenure and will allow for documenting, recording and recognizing the many people-to-land relationships in all their forms.